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INFO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

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SUBJECT: SAG PESSIMISM REGARDING RHODESIAN DEVELOPMENTS

REFERENCE: CAPE TOWN 0614

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS REPORTS THAT RIFTS  
WITHIN THE RHODESIAN ANC HAVE WIDENED IN RECENT DAYS. PRIMARY  
CAUSE FOR FURTHER DIVISION IS DECISION TAKEN BY ANC NATIONAL  
EXECUTIVE AT ITS JUNE 1 MEETING TO HOLD NATIONAL CONGRESS ON  
JUNE 21-22. STATEMENT ISSUED JUNE 2 BY ENOS NKALA DISASSOCIATED  
ZANU FROM ANC STATEMENT. NKALA, WHO WAS ONE OF ZANU MEN BADLY  
TREATED BY MOB PREVIOUS DAY (HE WAS REPORTEDLY DEFENESTRATED),  
CHARGED THAT ZAPU IS PUSHING FOR EARLY CONGRESS TO ENGINEER  
ANC TAKEOVER BY ITS LEADER, JOSHUA NKOMO. NKALA'S STATEMENT  
EXPRESSED SUSPICION OF NKOMO'S MOTIVES, DENIGRATED IN  
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ADVANCE ANY SETTLEMENT HE MIGHT ARRIVE AT WITH RHODESIAN

REGIME, AND ASSERTED THAT CURRENT ANC LEADERSHIP, HEADED BY BISHOP MUZOREWA, IS "SUFFICIENTLY EFFICIENT."

2. LATEST PRESS REPORTS STATE DEATH TOLL OF SUNDAY'S VIOLENCE IN SALISBURY'S BLACK TOWNSHIPS IS THIRTEEN VICE ELEVEN REPORTED ORIGINALLY (REFTEL).

3. CAPE TIMES REPORTS FROM RHODESIA THAT PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE RHODESIAN COUNCIL OF CHIEF ISSUED JOINT STATEMENT JUNE 2 REITERATING THEIR DEMAND THAT ANC BE BANNED. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. WIDENING SPLIT WITHIN ANC RANKS APPEARS TO BEAR OUT POINTS MADE TO ME BY SAG FOREIGN MINISTER MULLER AT NOONTIME CONVERSATION OF JUNE 1, A FEW HOURS BEFORE SALISBURY SHOOTINGS. MULLER EXPRESSED DEEP PESSIMISM OVER SITUATION IN RHODESIA. HE SAID THAT IAN SMITH IS TRYING TO DISCREDIT THE ANC AND IS WORKING WITH UNREPRESENTATIVE TRIBAL CHIEFS AS AN ALTERNATIVE. HE ALSO STATED THAT ANC IS DEEPLY DIVIDED AND THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S ABILITY TO INFLUENCE ITS LEADERSHIP IS CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN HE AND PRIME MINISTER VORSTER ORIGINALLY THOUGHT. HE DID NOT SEE ANY BREAK THROUGH ON A SETTLEMENT AS LIKELY ANY TIME SOON AND FEARED THAT DELAYS WOULD LEAD TO RENEWED VIOLENCE. AT TIME HE TOLD ME THIS, NEITHER ONE OF US WAS AWARE OF THE VIOLENCE THAT WAS BREWING IN SALISBURY, NOR HOW PROPHETIC HIS COMMENTS WERE.  
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